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Measures to uphold the authority of the 1925 Geneva Protocol

Note by the Secretary-General

1. At its fifty-seventh session, the General Assembly adopted resolution 57/62 of 22 November 2002, entitled "Measures to uphold the authority of the 1925 Geneva Protocol", paragraphs 2 to 4 of which read as follows:

> "*The General Assembly,*
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> "...
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> "2. *Renews its previous call* to all States to observe strictly the principles and objectives of the Protocol for the Prohibition of the Use in War of Asphyxiating, Poisonous or Other Gases, and of Bacteriological Methods of Warfare, signed at Geneva on 17 June 1925,[1] and reaffirms the vital necessity of upholding its provisions;
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> "3. *Calls upon* those States that continue to maintain reservations to the 1925 Geneva Protocol to withdraw them;
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> "4. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session a report on the implementation of the present resolution."

[1] League of Nations, *Treaty Series*, vol. XCIV (1929), No. 2138.

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2. Since the adoption of resolution 57/62, withdrawals of reservations by three States parties have been reported by the depositary of the 1925 Geneva Protocol. By a communication dated 19 September 2002, the Republic of Korea partially withdrew its reservations to the Protocol; by a communication dated 20 December 2002, the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Northern Ireland withdrew all remaining reservations to the Protocol; and by a communication dated 23 December 2002, Portugal withdrew the reservation it had made at the time of its ratification of the Protocol.

3. Should the Secretary-General receive notice of further withdrawals of reservations to the Protocol, Member States shall be duly informed of that fact.